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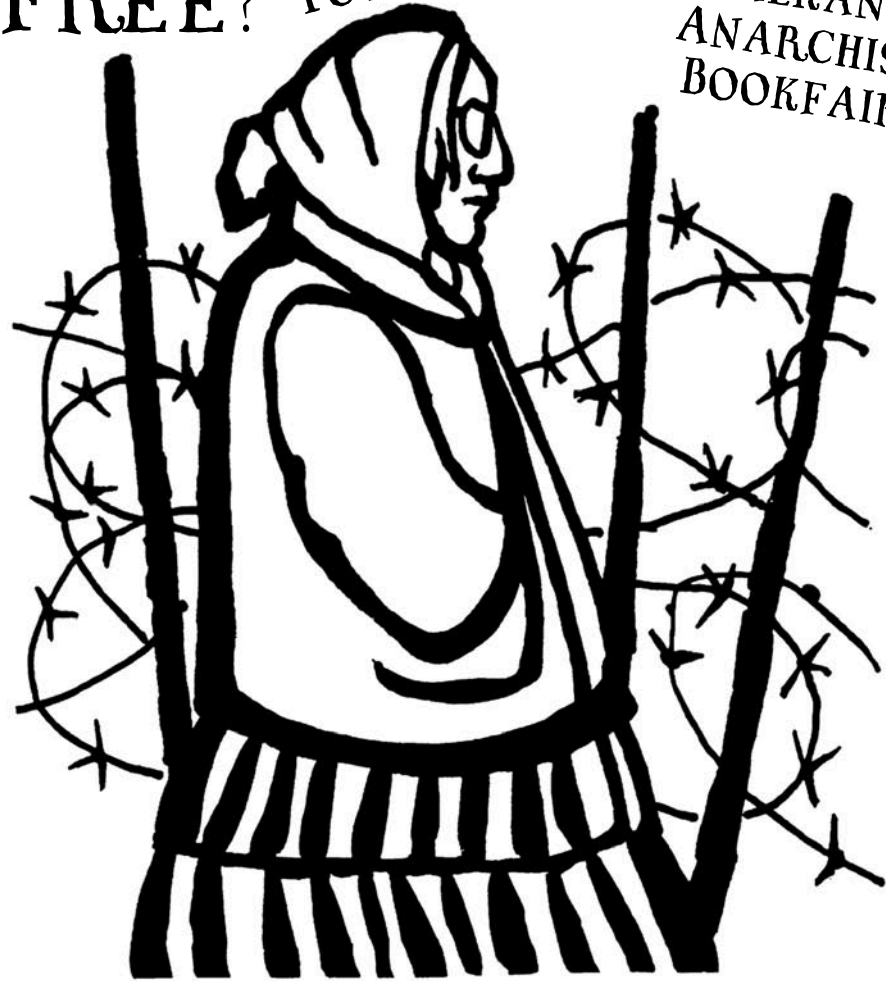

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# BRIEF NEWS

**Melbourne: G20 trials**

A trial date was finally set for the ongoing cases from the protests against the G20 in November 2006. There will be a number of separate trials about different incidents: the first charges relating to the street demonstrations will begin on June 30 next year, while the charges related to office occupations will probably be heard before that.

Akin Sari has been granted leave to appeal the 28-month prison sentence he's currently serving, & funds are urgently needed for the legal costs of this appeal.

Donations can be made to the Ongoing G20 Solidarity Network:

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For more information: www.afterg20.org

**Sydney: Aboriginal Rights Coalition National Conference**

From the 23rd to the 25th of May the national campaign against the Intervention in the Northern Territory took important steps forward. Members of affected communities in the Northern Territory travelled to Sydney to meet with organisers from Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and NSW, to share information and strategise around ways forward for the national campaign and broader struggle for Aboriginal Rights.

At the opening forum Larrisa Behrendt sent a message of support, Greens senator Rachel Seiwert spoke about the parliamentary process (its shortfalls), Darren Dick from HREOC on human rights violations, the fears of rollout into other states were expressed by South Australian Aboriginal leader Brian Butler and Barbara Shaw, and Harry Jackamarra Nelson (an elder from Yeundemu) detailed how the intervention is affecting their community.

Barbara Shaw from Yeundemu says that "the intervention is yet another example of Aboriginal people not being listened to and once again our rights to self-determination are being taken away". Among the main objectives of the ongoing campaign are to project Aboriginal peoples voices from the NT, and to break the silence in the media with voices of people whose daily reality is this racist intervention.

On the National Day of Action June 21, at 11am we will rally at the Block, Redfern and march on Sydney demanding a withdrawal of all Intervention legislation.

For more information: aboriginalrightscoalition.wordpress.com

**Tasmania: Enviro news**

A Tasmanian man let off a flare in the foyer of Launceston's Public Building as a World Environment Day protest against forestry burn-offs, which have aggravated his asthma to the extent to which he has repeatedly been hospitalised. The burnt flare smoked out the building, leading to an evacuation, but no one was harmed.

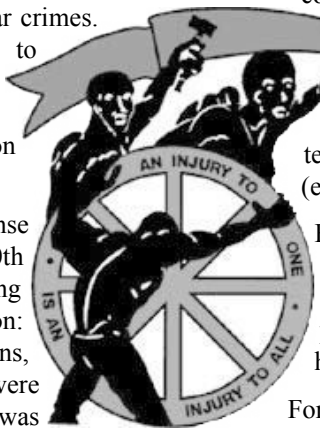
Mr Stott told the Hobart Mercury "I can deal with what I did today quite happily. I have tried to do it the proper way & try to speak to the Minister. Nobody is doing anything about it & people are suffering bad. So I just stood there & held a smoke bomb."

In other news, the future of the Tamar Valley pulp mill proposed by Gunns is uncertain because ANZ recently announced that it will not be financially backing the $2 billion dollar pulp mill. This move was a response

to pressure that had been put on the bank by environmental campaigners who oppose the mill. Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett has previously confirmed the government would withdraw further taxpayer-funded support for the project.

**Ireland: War crime prevention crew acquitted**

Nine anti-war activists who were charged with criminal damage & affray after an occupation of an arms-manufacturer Raytheon plant in Derry, Ireland, in August 2006, had their charges against them thrown out of court by the judge because of lack of evidence. The prosecution have moved to appeal this ruling. Throughout the trial the men, known as the Raytheon Nine have maintained that their actions were legitimate as an attempt to prevent war crimes. The judge was forced to concede this when he stated that the defendants had acted to prevent destruction in Lebanon.




The occupation was a response to the bombing on July 30th 2006, of a residential building in Qana in southern Lebanon: a large number of civilians, many of them children, were killed when the building was brought down by a "bunker-buster" weapon. US arms giant Raytheon, which had a plant on the Springtown Industrial Estate on the outskirts of Derry, was known to be Israel's main supplier of bunker-busters.

**Mexico: War brewing in Chiapas**

Last Wednesday, June 4 an estimated 200 military units including soldiers, various levels of police, tanks and intelligence attempted to enter la Garrucha Caracol and surrounding autonomous Zapatista communities, territories reclaimed by the Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional (EZLN) in 1994. This marks an alarming escalation in violent hostility from the Mexican State that we have seen developing since last August. Take note also that this mid-year marks 3 years since the Zapatistas put out their Sixth Declaration and called for the Other Campaign, a revolutionary process framed as non-violent. (Obviously it's difficult to be non-violent when the army is killing your people and stealing your land…) Last Wednesday the army was driven away by the strong response of zapatista autonomous support bases (Bases de Apoyo) who blocked the road. The army did however promise their return in 15 days saying that they have evidence to believe that there are marijuana plantations in Zapatista territory. Outrageous! This is how the army controls Mexico these days: if it's not supposedly chasing drug cartels in the big cities (ie. urban military occupation) it's invading and terrorising rural communities (especially autonomous ones).

Expect a global call-out for solidarity actions in the next week or so. The situation is possibly the most serious that it has been since 1995.

For more information:
www.masn.org.au (English)
And breaking news from the Zapatistas direct is on enlacezapatista.ezln.org.mx (Spanish)

**South Africa: United march against xenophobic violence**

Over 5 000 people from South Africa & Zimbabwe to the Congo & Ethiopia marched through Johannesburg on Saturday, 24th May in protest against xenophobic violence. During the previous two weeks it had ravaged South Africa, leaving more than 50 dead & an estimated 35 000 immigrants displaced from their homes. The march, which proceeded through some of the areas

in downtown Johannesburg effected by the violence, was organised by the Coalition Against Xenophobia; a new umbrella group of social movements, faith-based organisations & NGOs.

Protesters called for Africa to unite, saying that the struggle against poverty & exploitation knows no borders, & received a large amount of support from spectators & passers-by – which is partly to be expected given the high numbers of immigrants living in the areas through which the march passed, but which also suggests that a lot of ordinary South Africans do not support the xenophobic violence.

Members of the Zabalaza Anarchist Communist Front, who participated in the march, agreed with the Coalition Against Xenophobia, that the outbreak of xenophobic violence is a result of the poverty in which the majority of South Africans are forced to live. In a statement by ZACF, they believed that it is not immigrants who are responsible for the miserable conditions people are forced to endure, but the government. Since coming into power in 1994 the ANC government has pursued economic & social policies which favour the rich over the poor; pitting the poor against one another in a fight for insufficient resources when it is actually the government that is to blame for failing to fulfill its promises, & failing to deliver the housing, electricity, water & other basic services which it promised them.

They said: "we need to fight the government & force it to meet our demands for jobs, housing & services; not our immigrant brothers & sisters who are also struggling to survive poverty & unemployment."

www.zabalaza.net

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

# STOP THE NT INTERVENTION

## ABORIGINAL CONTROL OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

## RALLY 11AM

## THE BLOCK, REDFERN

## SAT JUNE 21

WWW.ABORIGINALRIGHTSCOALITION.WORDPRESS.COM

## Anarchist Regional Meeting

2pm, 29th June

Black Rose: 22 Enmore Rd, near Newtown station

For anarchists, allies. groups and individuals who wants to talk with other anarchist groups/individuals about what we're all up to.

To strengthen radical networks and revolutionary politics (but mainly to eat cake)

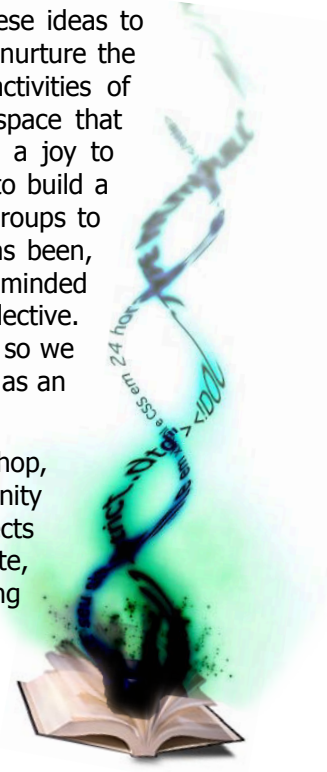
For more information about the meeting or to propose agenda items please email this meeting's hosts on: **mutineers@graffiti.net**

# JURA VISION

After many meetings and much discussion (thanks again to all who participated in the survey!), the Jura Collective has drawn up a new strategic plan! Read it on our website. It lays out our goals for the bookshop, library, organising space, property, finances and more.

Here is the vision from the plan:
At Jura Books, we are working to create a radically different world: one based on freedom, equality and justice for everyone, as well as environmental sustainability for all life on the planet. We believe this can only be achieved by an organised and politically conscious social movement, based on participatory democracy and workers control. Our collective will help to build this movement.

This (already growing) movement will revolutionise mainstream political ideology, and will develop alternative social structures. We will work to establish this new political consciousness in Australia, by putting the ideas of anarchism, libertarian socialism, social ecology and anarcha-feminism on the political agenda in Sydney. This means bringing these ideas to ever-widening circles of people. We will also prefigure and nurture the alternative social structures through the structures and activities of our collective. This means creating a physical and social space that is liberating, safe, imbued with our anarchist politics, and a joy to be in. So we will focus both outward and inward in order to build a transformative social movement. We will work with other groups to achieve our shared vision of a better world. Jura Books has been, and will continue to help and encourage campaigns and like-minded groups which may or may not include members of our collective. In order to build the movement, the collective must expand so we will actively seek new members and new ideas. We operate as an organised, participatory democratic, volunteer collective.



The core projects of the Jura Books collective are i) the bookshop, ii) the library, and iii) the workers control centre/community organising centre. Other activities related to these projects are: holding stalls, running campaigns, improving our website, putting on events (talks, gigs, films, performances), improving the space, and publishing pamphlets.

*Freedom without socialism is privilege, socialism without freedom is tyranny!*

On Saturday 14th June, from 2pm, there'll be a film screening and discussion about the Camp for Climate Action. The camp will be five days of inspiring workshops and direct action aimed at shutting down the world's largest coal port in Newcastle (July 10-15). If you're concerned about climate change, and want real action instead of more hot air, then we encourage you to come to the camp and bring your friends and family! Want to find out more and meet people who are going? Come to Jura on Saturday 14th June. We'll be showing an inspirational one hour documentary about the need for radical action and the 2006 Camp for Climate Action which happened in the shadow of one of the biggest C02 emitters in Europe: Drax coal-fired power station in Yorkshire.

Food Not Bombs is continuing to use the Jura kitchen fortnightly to prepare food that would otherwise go to waste. Come and help with the preparation at Jura (from 1pm), or come and help eat the food from 4pm on the corner of Forbes St and King St, Newtown. Next dates are 14th June and 28th June.

The Jura Food Co-op continues to provide people with affordable, organis fruit and vegie boxes. Order yours or find out more by emailing:

**jurafoodcoop@riseup.net**

# Are You Poor? You Are Not Alone!

by As-A-Whole Collective

Just last month I visited Manila. I was pretty excited to see long time friends and buy some shit that we don't have here in Mindanao like some cds, some cheap stuffs and sweet papers. The last time I went to Manila was two years ago. Then we went through hitch hiking (yeah I know: it's so punkrock!) That journey took three days riding at least 20 different cargo trucks, three days of strking heat and cold nights, so I was pretty much prepared to get to Manila. But this December we rode a plane, so the change was too soon – like an hour and 45 minutes kind of soon. As I walked around Quiapo and other rural places I had a complete vision of what poverty is. Don't get me wrong, we are not rich but what I saw in Manila is a disturbing and sad portrait of rotten society. And I know that sooner or later other places in my hometown would also be like that. And it scared the shit out of me.....

Visions like this only hardened my question about poverty. Living in a 3rd world country must have at least shaken your senses and caused you to question where we are really headed. We see a society of unfulfilled marketed dreams. People are eager to earn: but we earn not to make our lives easier but rather, just to have enough money to buy the rice that we need for the day. It surely is a long road out to prosperity.

Roughly 4.7 million Filipino families, comprising about 41% of the population, currently have annual incomes below the poverty line. That cut off point is set at something around a dollar per person per day. Smaller than Uncle Sam's nephew's school allowance in 3rd grade. Which makes us more willing to work for anything: whether it's hard or degrading, we oddly forget it. Which is pretty devastating coz we got the manpower, we got the resources and we got the needs but we ain't got the economic wealth.

There is tremendous geographic variation, ranging from 8% of the population in Metro Manila to 60% in some of the Muslim areas of Mindanao, from 11.6% in the province of Cavite to 79.5% in the province of Romblon.

We're not just talking about absolute poverty here, we're talking about relative poverty - and structural inequality. The bottom 40% of families account for only 13.7% of total family income, while the top 10% account for 35.5%. In economic lingo, the country has a Gini coefficient of 0.4507, which represents a high level of inequality indeed.

When discussing poverty in developing countries, it is essential to avoid the many pervasive stereotypes - the poor are lazy, the poor don't take advantage of opportunities, they just don't care, and on and on. But the question is what do we have left? Are we still really so numbingly innocent to think that if we just try our best we will also be at the top. NO!! We will be working for all of these elites or capitalist monsters for the rest of our lives. Maybe we could save a bit but sooner or later the pattern or cycle of a world provided for them will bite you in the neck. One of us will get sick or be in an accident of some sort and it would

all go back to zero, which is unfair because the elite are unsurprisingly the minority.

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the poorest 48 nations (i.e. a quarter of the world's countries) is less than the wealth of the world's three richest people combined. And 20% of the population in the developed nations, consume 86% of the world's goods and resources.

This situation could also be compared to the rural places also in the Philippine provinces. In Negros Occidental, for example, over 85% of the people live below the poverty line. Most available land is devoted to sugar cane, which is not competitive on the global market and is often sold at very low price. Not to mention the wage payments which are abysmal, and sharecropping which is a brutal display of exploitation. Of course large "hacendero" families still own most of the lands. Land reform has obviously no hope for implementation. CHILDREN are starving to death!!!

This process actually is nothing new. As a matter of fact globalisation has been around Pinas (the Philippines) for centuries. The famous explorer Mr Magellan and his posse sponsored by the Spanish landed in Cebu, particularly Mactan, with two main agendas. He saw our island's riches and colonised it to have easy income and easy wealth, and to bless and evangelise the natives with the holy graces of Christianity with the one and only true faith of their Catholic Church. And the seed of our present day situation was then planted. Not to mention (fast forward three centuries) when Admiral Dewey steamed into Manila Bay, about 80% of land in the Philippines was in the public domain. Since then Filipino politicians have been the ones who determine how our land is to be exploited and by whom. Those few who have the right connections get the timber and mining rights. These are our resources, Mother Nature at its best and yet the Philippine state has always encouraged the extraction of these resources, even leasing large areas for exploitation at nominal fees and ensuring zero export taxes. Such acts are done in exchange for free access or quotas in Uncle Sam's market.

Another example of this was ex-president Ramos who lessened the restrictions on foreign investment by giving incentive bonanzas. Investors were given a 10-year tax holiday, capital tax exemptions and a lot more.

The consequences of these land use policies have not been pretty. You could start by mentioning the ongoing marginalisation of indigenous peoples, tremendous concentration of land ownership, and environmental degradation. The net result? Perpetuation of the semi-feudal, semi-capitalist, and neocolonial character of the Philippine economy and mass displacement of indigenous communities and upland farmers.

Many of us have ended up in squatted areas. And the most frightening thing is the 3rd world rice shortage.

The struggle is still struggling to survive!

# A Call against Global War Profiteers & the International Arms Trade

Mike Rann, the Premier of South Australia has recently announced that Adelaide will be host to the Asia Pacific Defence & Security Exhibition on 11-13th November 2008. The Asia Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition is an arms fair. Its purpose is to provide military companies from all over the world with an opportunity to display their latest war fighting machinery.

The Governments of France, Germany, Israel, Italy, South Africa, UK and USA have already booked major exhibition space for their military corporations to come to Australia and take up Mike Rann's offer to "survey the terrific business and investment opportunities" that APDSE will provide. No doubt many other nations will join the throng in the coming year.

These seven countries are together the source of at least 80% of all military equipment, from bombers and warships, through to cluster bombs and depleted uranium munitions, down to the more mundane run-of-the-mill guns, boots, bullets and surveillance equipment used in the dozens of wars around the world today.

They are responsible for 80% of all the pain & suffering caused by militarism. For the deaths, for the amputees, for the rapes at gunpoint, for the detainees and refugees, for the orphans, and the parents denied the right of dying before their children. These people are the real terrorists.

In a cruel twist the organiser of this death fair, Alex Nicholl, who also organises similar atrocities in the UK, has set the date for APDSE as 11th November, the day we normally stop and reflect on the horrors of war. To these people the remembrance of war holds no horror, only profit.

The best we can hope for is that Remembrance Day reminds them of the last time the masters of war came to Australia to peddle their wares.

This is the first major weapons trade fair since the Australian people put an end to the AIDEX 89 & 91 exhibitions in Canberra. In coming months the campaign to stop Australia being turned into a shopping mall for the world's killers will begin in earnest. We urge you to join us in stopping this happening for another 17 years.

For more information about the conference/venue:
**www.apdsexhibition.com**
**www.adelaidecc.com.au**

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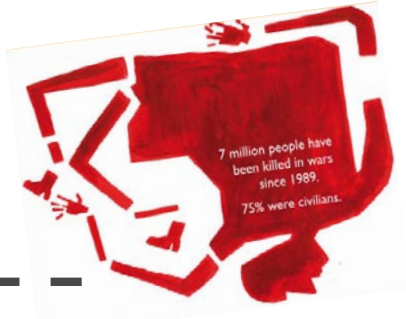
Send an email with "SUBSCRIBE ME" in the subject field to above address to be added to the email discussion list.



# THIRD BALKANS ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR 31ST MAY - 1ST JUNE 2008

## SOFIA, BULGARIA.
## HOSTED BY THE FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS IN BULGARIA (FAB) REPORT BY TURNER

On 16 December 1944, 600 Bulgarian anarchists were arrested & put in concentration camps. A small number of people escaped, including Jack Granchroff & Christov Georges who live in Sydney, & who were involved with FAB in Exile, Australia from 1956 (a section of the International Workers Association).

Two decades after the fall of the Communist dictatorship regime, working people in much of Eastern Europe face extremely low wages & rising costs of living. Anarchist groups in the Balkans face the challenge of re-building their movements in a political environment where fascism is gaining popularity & where socialist ideals are often considered with suspicion & assumed to be ultimately authoritarian.

This was the political context in which the third Balkans book fair took place. Anarchist groups came from all over the Balkans to the Bulgarian capital of Sofia to display their publications & to share information about their campaigns & groups. This was not a formal conference but an opportunity for people to meet. Delegates came from Anarcho Syndicalist Initiative, Belgrade, Serbia; Autonomous Action, Romania; Federation of Anarchists in Bulgaria (FAB); Anarcho Resistance Bulgaria; AK Salonica (Anti-Authoritarian Assembly of Thessaloniki, Greece); & No Borders Patras, Greece.

Delegates also visited the book fair from the Anarchist Federation of Britain; North East Federation of Anarchist Communists in Canada & Melbourne's very own Anarcho Syndicalist Federation. International secretaries from the present from AFI-IFA (the largely anarchist-communist International of Anarchist Federations) & the IWA (anarcho-syndicalist International Workers Association). Unfortunately many groups in the area were absent due to problems with visas & a lack of funds.

Two recurring themes came out of the book fair. They were the need for greater activity around issues of migration & border control, & the need for greater solidarity with anarchist groups in the Balkans.

Here is a summary of the reports presented.

### FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS IN BULGARIA (FAB)

The reporting delegate for FAB was 89 year old Alexander Nakov. FAB was founded in 1919. During its 90 years existence, FAB has been banned & its members have been under constant repression & surveillance. FAB has been concentrating on re-building its membership & restoring the history that the Communists tried to erase.

Today FAB has a membership of approximately 30 very committed anarchists. In recent years, FAB has focussed on protest against the rising cost of living. Heating bills in Sofia now amount to the equivalent of one entire wage. Many people do not pay their heating bills & the government turns them into criminals. FAB has run huge social protests & distributed a large amount of propaganda. These protests have been attended by thousands of people & the media has been very sympathetic. FAB has also distributed a large amount of propaganda about the rising cost of public transport. This activity has created the problem that FAB has a lot of enemies & the constant presence of fascists makes it difficult for FAB to organise.

In recent years FAB has also focussed on publishing. Each year FAB publishes three or four memoirs of older anarchists. Unfortunately none of these memoirs have been published in English, however FAB is working on producing some literature in English about the history of anarchism in Bulgaria.

## SERBIA: ANARCHO SYNDICALIST INITIATIVE. BELGRADE.

Ratibor Trivunac from ASI Belgrade reported that the anarchist movement in Serbia did not really begin until the mid-1990s due to problems created by war. The founding congress of Anarcho Syndicalist Initiative was on 19th October 2002. ASI have always had a strong focus on publishing.

In 2006 ASI began organising what turned out to be a huge student protest regarding the rising costs of tuition fees & the scaling back of free education. While ASI initiated the organisation of the protest, the campaign later took on a life of its own & ASI pulled back. Now ASI is campaigning with telecommunications workers.

## BOSNIA

Comrades from Bosnia were unable to attend the book fair due to problems with visas & finances. Ratibor reported that there are three local anarcho syndicalist groups in Bosnia that were founded six months ago. They are in close contact with IWA.

## ROMANIA: AUTONOMOUS ACTION

Vee from Autonomous Action reported that AA formed in 2002. The idea was to have a network of autonomous groups in former Soviet areas. There are groups in Belarus & Russia, plus a publication in Siberia. Their group is active around issues such as anti-capitalism, anti- fascism, & the over-development of Russian cities.
The Mafia control much of the development in Russian cities & they do not consider the safety of many houses surrounding these new developments. Older residential houses are falling apart due to the vibrations from development, thus threatening people's housing.

Autonomous Action is close to the radical & militant environment group, the Rainbow Keepers. A member of the Rainbow Keepers was recently killed by fascists.

Autonomous Action also focus on publishing. They have a regular quarterly publication, & have created an anti-employer publication that includes a list of poor employment practices by different employers.

## TURKEY

No Turkish comrades were able to attend the book fair, however Alexander Vantchev (Sasho) a member of FAB (Bulgaria) reported on the different Turkish groups.

The most recent edition of the Melbourne-based anarchist publication, *Outlaw* included a report about police violence against anarchists in Taksim Square, Istanbul every May Day. Sasho showed an extract from YouTube of the most recent May Day demonstration. Anarchists began to gather around Taksim Square before 8am but they were only able to demonstrate for five minutes before they were forced to scatter due to the huge amount of tear gas. Less than 100 people made it to Taksim Sqaure, while there were over 2000 demonstrators in the surrounding areas. They were met by the presence of approximately 20,000 police officers.

Despite this culture of police repression, anarchists have a small space in the centre of Istanbul called, 'Place'. There is also a very well-organised anarcha-feminist space called 'Amagi'.

Over the decades the Turkish anarchist movement has faced repression similar to that faced by Bulgarian comrades. At times the movement has been completely annihilated. Today there are over 75 million people living in Turkey, so there are many different anarchist groups. There is currently a large split in the movement between groups who favour organisation, & groups who wish to resist all forms of authority & hierarchy & who see any form of organisation as repressive. The latter groups share a politics that is more primitivist. (They recently published works by anarcho-primitivist John Zerzan). According to Sasho, their resistance to any form of organisation, even anarchist organisation, needs to be understood as an absolute & primal fear of authority that permeates every aspect of their consciousness. People in Turkey have lived under repressive regimes for decades. According to Sasho, when you live amongst wolves, any dog on the street is a threat.

Despite the differences between Turkish groups, all anarchist groups come together & share solidarity around the issue of militarism & conscription. The draft is used as an instrument of repression against activists. Jail is the punishment for conscientious objection, & many anarchists end up in lengthy court battles.

## GREECE: AK SALONICA

The Greek groups have a significant role to play in providing solidarity & assistance to their comrades in the Balkans. As one FAB member commented, the Greek anarchist movement is so highly developed that their "anarchist market is over-crowded". Anarchist groups in Thessaloniki virtually have a monopoly over street posters & graffiti. There are six squats in Thessaloniki alone & the actions of different anarchist groups are reported in the media on a weekly basis. There are now two AK assemblies in Thessaloniki, with two separate spaces. They publish a monthly newspaper under the name *Babylonia*.

AK (Anti-Authoritarian Assembly) consists of seven or eight different decentralised anti-authoritarian groups throughout the different areas of Greece. While all assemblies are autonomous, AK groups work together on important issues

including migration, political prisoners, privatisation, anti-terror laws, & workers' struggles.

They create broader assemblies or participate in important actions that already exist, for example, AK groups are very active in the broad coalition No Borders Patras, who are organising a No Borders camp on 28th August 2008. On the weekend of 24th & 25th May, members of AK Salonica & others travelled to the refugee camp in Patras to re-connected the water supply after the municipality cut the water in an attempt to demolish the camp in January this year.

AK have been involved in student struggles against changes to the Greek constitution. These changes will enable private Universities to operate. AK's contribution to the student strikes has been to support the formation of non-hierarchical student groups who make collective decisions via direct democracy. AK has more recently been involved in the new wave of education strikes regarding working conditions for teachers.

## UKRAINE

No delegates from Ukraine groups were present, however a Canadian delegate living in Serbia showed a film she had made.

The film demonstrated that 90 – 100 per cent of migrants who come to Ukraine illegally are refugees. They pay hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars to the Russian mafia to take them to the border of Ukraine. The mafia simply leave them at the border & they often end up in one of Ukraine's eight immigration detention centres. In 2007, well over 3000 people were detained while trying to cross into Ukraine.

The sole purpose of the book fair was to share information between groups. There was no attempt to create a formal publishing network or regional anarchist federation & there were no resolutions passed or commitments to any higher degree of activity. This could be considered a wasted opportunity as these groups rarely have the opportunity to travel so far. It is clear that there is a need for greater solidarity between Balkans anarchist groups in order for these groups to develop. Perhaps the creation of a formal network would be one way to achieve this. At this point in time, the small & varied groups do not share a common politics & to some extent they are stuck in ideological discussions between themselves, while social issues such as migration need urgent attention. (Sound familiar?)

It is likely that the next Balkans anarchist book fair will take place in Thessaloniki in 2009. Groups from Thessaloniki have the ability to raise money to bring delegates who were unable to attend in 2008 for financial reasons. Thessaloniki's "crowded anarchist market" might even benefit from the refreshingly humble presence of their comrades from the Balkans!

*For more information on anarchism in Bulgaria, & Bulgarian anarchists in Australia, see:*

Interview with Jack Grancharoff www.takver.com/history/sydney/grancharoff.htm;

Visit to Bulgaria - Report on 1993 Bulgarian anarchist conference, http://flag.blackened.net/revolt/eastern/bulgaria_93.html

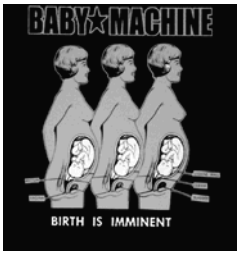
# Reviews of things

## Baby Machine

2 gigs and *Birth is Imminent* album

I've only seen Baby Machine at two gigs – once in Wollongong and more recently at Maggotville and the overwhelming feeling I'm left with after obsessively listening to their album the last few weeks is that rockin' out to Baby Machine is just sooo fucking good; whether at a party, in a bedroom or at a gig. The fat bass guitar drives the songs with relentless force and guitar riffs just make you want to rock out and the vocals scream lyrics that are worth rockin' out to.

Did I mention that they make you wanna rock out? Cos rockin' out to Baby Machine is completely awesome. I recommended Baby Machine to a guy at a party and he was all like "oh their a bunch of man haters" and I went on a rant about how that's a stupid feminist stereotype and now I think that if they made him feel insecure maybe that was proof that they are fucking with gender roles enough to make conservative people a bit scared. And I think that's rad and makes me want to rock out to Baby Machine even more.




The album starts with the awesomelicious song Eat More challenging the pervasive image the media put out that women have to, or should be, all skinny and pretty or whatever. And the album just keeps going on and on with one revolutionary song after another. Songs like Let's Go about yearning for revolution and Fuckin' Hate It with lyrics that just float around in my head and I find myself screaming them up the street when I'm mad cos' of work. The lyrics are about stuff I care about and see and feel in everyday life. There are no dud songs. No songs not worth rockin' out to. So listen to Baby Machine and rock out.

Fuck yeah.

*Review by Max Solidarity*

## A zine with no obvious title

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This is a sweet little zine, a 'my first arrest zine'. It's the story of the author's arrest as part of a group who walked onto, and refused to leave, the construction site of the new coal loader in Newcastle.

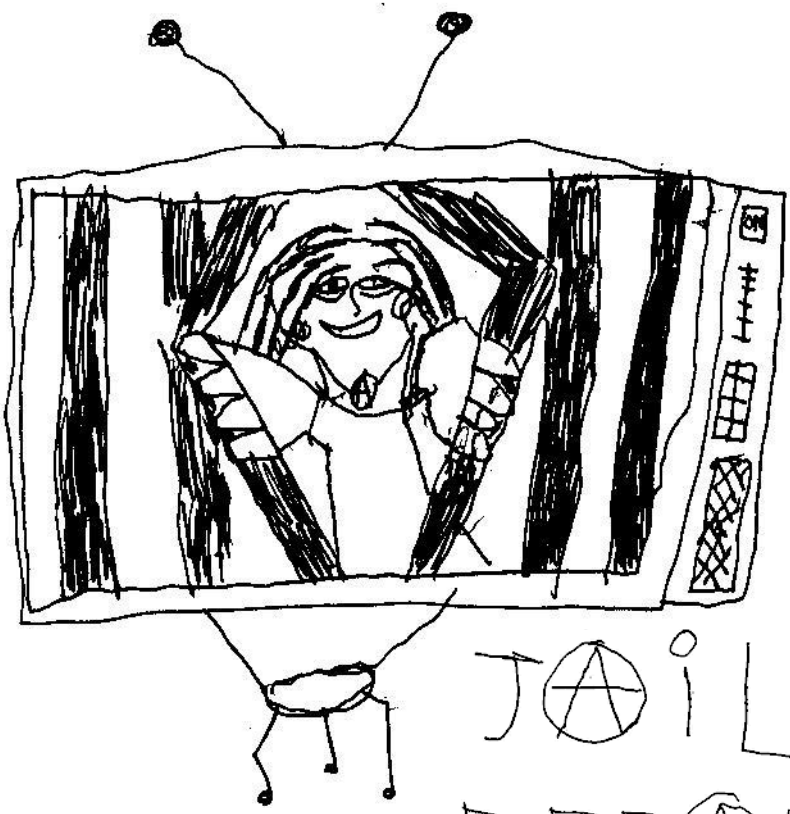
There's a good line in this zine about how talking about being arrested is a bit like telling people you've got a new partner – you want to share the experience with people, but worry that it's a bit like bragging. The zine is written in a way that normalises and humanises protesters for people outside activist circles. It's written for people like the author's extended family and friends, some of whom would previously be likely to dismiss protesting hippies on the TV news, in the hope that a the personal connection will bring them to reassess the issue people protested about and the process of social change.

The politics of the action are explained simply and concisely, and there's a sense of hope: a feeling that this action is connected to others in a broad movement, a long history. It's nicely illustrated too, with photos of the action and coal infrastructure.

The best thing about this zine, like all good zines, is that it's written with honesty from the author's individual experience – it's a snippet of how someone else sees their life. One thing I would have liked to see was a more explicit acknowledgement that this author's process of arrest and sentencing – choosing to get arrested in a civil disobedience, pleading guilty and getting community service – is a very particular experience. Not because other events are ranked on some hierarchy of (activist) hardcoreness, but because every encounter with the criminal justice system brings structures of privilege into play which need to be recognised.

Overall, I liked this zine: while the pride the writer feels in their actions is clear, they walk the line between sharing and bragging pretty well, and there's a muted but genuine current of optimism in the story they tell.

*Review by Princess Mob*

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